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THE MONITOR AND MERRIMAC AT CLOSE QUARTERS.

The commander of the Congress, seeing the fate of the Cumberland, tried to escape by running his vessel ashore.

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Sinking of the Cumberland.

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Saturday afternoon, March 8, 1862,
worth's Fire Zouaves, the validation of the State of The Merrimac and the rebel fleet then returned the fire, using incendiary shot and shell with grape and canister. The officers and the crew of the Congress, officers and the crew of the Congress, powder and slivers of iron and he was who had remained passive while this blinded and stunned, but blind as he escaped to the shore.

the fire reached her magazines, when

flict; but the mishap probably saved them from the fate of the Cumberland and Congress. The Merrimac, on account of her drawing so much more water than either of them, could not get near enough to them, and as night was fast approaching the Merrimac and her company ceased firing, and withdraw across the boy under the surge of and drove them forcelly into the characteristics. drew across the bay under the guns of and drove them forcibly into the chan-sewell's Point batteries.

They had done a terrible half-day's work—sunk one of their opponent's ships, burnt another, captured one transport and had the two other vessels aground and helpless, and only she ran

THE MON ITOR AND MERRIMAC AT CLOSE Q UARTERS.

Directly opposite us, east across the bay, was Sewell's Point, six miles; south, across the James River, was Pig Point, five miles (both heavily garrisoned by the rebels), and Norfolk about 12 miles down the river. Anchored in the channel about 300 yards opposite our camp were the U. S. frigate Congress, 50 gans, and the sloop-of-war Cumberfand, 24 gans, both sailing vessions. There were also the screw frigate Rohnoke and her sister ship, the Minnesota, 40 gans each. These two were mostly stationed at Fortress Monroe, looking for blockade runners.

Before the war these four vessels were considered the pride of the American Navy, and had been regarded as the highest and most perfect ships of the period. Yet it required but the experience of a single afternoon in Hampton Roads to show us that all of them were antiquated, displaced and guperseded, and that a new ra had opened in naval warfare.

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The insignificant aspect of the new arrival did not inspire much confidence, especially among us who had witnessed the disasters of the day. At sunrise on Sunday morpling the Merrimac and her sunday morpling the Merrimac and her came cut fresh for the first in the disasters of the day morpling the Merrimac and her came cut fresh for the first in the disasters of the day morpling the Merrimac and her came cut fresh for the first in the complexion of the next Congress, and the offices of the came cut fresh for the first in the complexion of the next Congress, and the offices of the came cut fresh for the first in the complexion of the next Congress, and the offices of the chart of the disasters of the day. At sunrise on Sunday morpling the Merrimac and her came cut fresh for the first in the complexion of the next Congress, and the offices of the chart of the complexion of the next Congress, and the offices of the chart of the sunday morpling the Merrimac and her came cut fresh for the first in the complexion of the next Congress, and the offices of the chart of the complexion of the next Congress, and the offices of that Congress will be stomach and creates an appetite; works on the liver and has a mild, con-

company were discovered off Sewell's Point, and at 6:30 they were under way and steering direct for the Minnesota At the same time the little Monitor was

duietly at Sewell's Point, her crew enjoying rest and sleep. The Monitor had barely escaped shipwreck twice, and for 48 hours few if any of those on board the circumstances back into Norfolk.

Light Catesby Jones of the Merrice

nad closed their eyes in sleep, with nothing to eat but wet hardtack. Getting his ship under way. Capt. Worden steered directly for the enemy's

As the Monitor approached the wooden vessels all skedaddled, so she went straight for the Merrimac, which had already commenced firing, and when she came within short range the Monitor, we noticed, changed her course, so as to come up alongside of the Merri-mac, and stopped her engines and commenced firing at the shortest possible About an hour elapsed before the troops on shore could see anything more of either ship, the Merrimac be ing quick to reply, giving our ship 10 guns for the Monitor's two every time.

After the close-range firing we no-ticed the Merrimac made a desperate effort to get past the Monitor to attack the Minnesota and Roanoke. In shifting her position she got aground, but go off again. The frigates received her as she approached with a discharge from their full broadsides and their 10-inch pivot guns, and if it had been a wooden essel she would certainly have been

blown out of the water.

The Merrimac answered back with shells from her rifled bow gun, setting the Minnesota on fire in several places. The flames, however, were soon extin-

upon her, and 150 solid shot struck they both got off very easily. Altho her sides with no more apparent effect the Merrimac leaked badly from the than the pelting of so many cobblestones. The Merrimac, putting on her Monitor's overhang, and the plates of full speed, attempted to repeat her successful attack on the Cumberland. Capt. were struck, the wooden backing was worden, of the Monitor, saw the move-not penetrated.

easily that no damage appeared to be done. This terrible struggle continued at close quarters until about noon, when Fortress Monroe was reached, when suddenly we noticed the Monitor sheered off for about 15 minutes, and we have since learned from official accounts published that this was the time that Capt. Worden, Commander of the Monitor, was wounded.

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counts published that this was the time that Capt. Worden, Commander of the Monitor, was wounded.

The enemy now concentrated his fire on the pilot house, which was the weak-est part of the Monitor. At a moment when Capt. Worden was looking thru one of the openings as hell struck the wall at the opening and exploded. The explosion fractured one of the iron logs of the frame and lifted half-way off the iron hatch that rested insecurely on the top. Worden's eyes were filled with

THE MONITOR-MERRIMAC FIGHT.

The Terriffic Naval Duel Looked to Those

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On May 18, 1861, our regiment, the coming had been current for some days broken off, and as she with frew a hole yarder and arrived by steamer James, Adger at Fortress Monroe, Sunday, May 24, and went into camp about one miles from there, where we remained until after, the battle of Big Bethel. On Act to the battle of Big Bethel. On Act to make the battle of Big Bethel. On Act to the battle o

contest was going on over and around was he could see the stream of light them, manned their small boats and from the roof, and, unable to determine the extent of his injury, he had the The ship, left to herself, continued presence of mind to give orders to put burn slowly until midnight, when the helm to starboard and sheer off.

With the Captain disabled and the

Quartermaster dazed by the shock it While these two battles were in prog- was some minutes before word was ress the two screw frigates. Roanoke passed to the turret of the disaster in and Minnesota, made an effort to get the pilot house, and when Lieut. Greene into action, but the tide was out and came out and passed forward he found both vessels got hard and fast aground the Captain at the foot of the ladder, about one mile from the scene of con-stunned and helpless, his face black

nel of the Elizabeth River on a dead

she ran away. A few shots were fired at the retreating vessel as she continued on her way to Norfolk. To have fol-lowed her past the batteries off Sewell's Point would have been running a great risk considering the important interests

Monitor at the time when there was no cessfully filled pastorates at Madrid, N. Captain to direct her led others besides Y.; Willoughby, O.; Chatham, Mass., Capt. Van Brunt, of the Minnesota, to and Port Huron, Mich. He left the suppose that she had given up the fight, and the assertion has since been confi-

sunday morning the Merrimac and her came out fresh for the fray in the early morning. It is to be supposed that her object was to destroy the Minnesota and Roanoke. This the Monitor prevate the same time the little Monitor was on the move.

The Merrimac had passed the night quietly at Sewell's Point, her crew engage and the offices of that Congress will doubtless be changed. The offices of the House of Representatives generally works on the liver and has a mild, congress will doubtless be changed. The offices of the House of Representatives generally works on the liver and has a mild, congress will doubtless be changed. The offices of the tongress will doubtless be changed. The offices of the tongress will doubtless be changed. The offices of the tongress will doubtless be changed. The offices of the tongress will doubtless be changed. The offices of the tongress will doubtless be changed. The offices of the tongress will doubtless be changed. The offices of the tongress will doubtless be changed. The offices of the tongress works on the liver and has a mild, congress will doubtless be changed. The offices of the tongress of the House of Representatives generally works on the liver and has a mild, congress will doubtless be changed. The offices of the tongress will doubtless be changed. The offices of the tongress will doubtless be changed. The offices of the tongress of the House of Representatives generally works on the liver and has a mild, congress will doubtless be changed. The offices of the tongress of the House of Representatives generally works on the liver and has a mild, congress will doubtless be changed. The offices of the tongress will doubtless be changed. The offices of the doubtless be changed. The offices of the

lief he does not say. It has also been suggested that his pilot led him to suppose that delay would prevent him from crossing the bar. But what need had he to cross? The bar was about a mile above Sewell's Point. He had anchored safely the night before under the battery, and after destroying the Minne-sota, supposing the Monitor had disap-peared, he could do the same again and

go up to Norfolk or stay where he was at his leisure.

If, however, his injuries were so great. that he was compelled to lose no time in returning to Norfolk, it would seem that instead of his having defeated the Monitor the Monitor had given him a

sound thrashing and was left in full possession of the field.

Again, the claim that the Merrimac was victorious is very singular, in view of the fact that half an hour after the last shot was fired the Minnesota was

possible to Elizabeth River in order to cross the bar before the ebb tide. The both the ironclads were terribly

REV. HENRY N. COUDEN. Will the Democrats Continue Him as Chap'ain of the House?

Comrade Henry N. Couden was elected unanimously as Chaplain of the Na-tional House of Representatives in December, 1895. He has with each re-curring Congress up to the present been elected to fill that exalted position. This is precisely what was expected, for Dr. Couden, strong, dignified, able and eloquent, is just such a personality as pleases all, whether the statesman for whom he intercedes or the most humble parishioner for whom he

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His last view on earth was the bush whacker whose gun was pointed at him



HENRY M. COUDEN.

while he was rushing on the enemy. He was never afterwards blessed with the sight, In April, 1861, Comrade Couden, then

18 years old, enlisted on President Lin-coin's first call for 75,000 men. He was with McClellan in the West Virginia campaign. He was in the battles of Laurel Hill, Carrick's Ford, Green Briar and other skirmishes. He was in the battles of Shiloh and Perryville. He was afterwards transferred to the First The Merrimac Runs Away.

Mississippi Marine Erigade in February
1863. Near Austin, May 24, 1863, he
received the wounds above mentioned, and has been in total darkness since. Comrade Couden after discharge took

the full seven years' course in the School for the Blind at Columbus, O. Feeling afterwards an urgent call for risk considering the important interests at Hampton Roads, of which the Monitor was the sole protector.

It appears that the movements of the Monitor at the time when there was no restricted in the successfully filled pastorates at Madrid, N.

of continuing the fight, the Merrimac steamed as fast as possible under the circumstances back into Norfolk.

Lieut, Catesby Jones, of the Merrimac, says his reason for returning to Norfolk was that he believed the Minnesota to be entirely disabled. What ground he had for forming such a believed to the does not say It has also because the province of the House they respect to the House they re position of Senate Chaplain. When in package, turn the Republicans gained the ascendancy in the Senate Dr. Milburn was again elected Chaplain of that body, and retained his place in the Republican Senate until called to his re ward in heaven. The act of the Re-publicans was wise, even from a political standpoint.

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Capt. Van Brunt, of the Minnesota, then concentrated his broadsides again upon her, and 150 solid shot struck her sides with no more apparent effect than the pelting of so many cobblestones. The Merrimac, putting on her full speed, attempted to reverse many cobblestones. The Merrimac part of the many cobblestones, and all things considered, they both got off very easily. Although the many cobblestones, the Merrimac leaked badly from the collision of her unarmed stern with the full speed, attempted to reverse many cobblestones.

stones. The struck the successful attack on the Cumberland. Capt. Worden, of the Monitor, saw the movement, and, saddenly putting his helm hard aport, he save his vessel a broad sheer, receiving the intended blow himself on his starbeard quarter, which glaneed off without injury.

Now the ball was hairly opened, and they found in the Yankee cheesebox a worthy foeman. The fight continued with the exchange of broadsides as fast as they found in the Yankee cheesebox a worthy foeman. The fight continued with the exchange of broadsides as fast as they found in the Yankee cheesebox a worthy foeman. The fight to the worth of the worth of the best of the worth of the exchange of broadsides as fast as the functional materials. The fight continued with the exchange of broadsides as fast as the functional materials and the trops on both vessels and at very short range; sometimes it seems the struct and to trops on shore were saved and the Hampton call combat found our blockade still unbroken. For these or the worth handled. He wanted to find the weakeest points settled by the Capt. Worden's vessel was skillfully handled. He wanted to find the weakeest points settled by the country in affectionate remembers the form that achieved them the names of the Monitor will be reservely. Again we noticed the Merrimac. Once he made a dash at her stern, hoping to disable her screw, Again we noticed the Merrimac attempted to return the compliment, but the Monitor could turn, so short and could run around her so easily that no damage appeared to be done. This terrible struggle continued

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